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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to fiber compositions compris-
ing gels or hydrogels. The invention further relates to the
composition of a gel or hydrogel loaded biodegradable fiber
and methods of fabricating such fibers. The present inven-
tion further provides tissue engineering and drug-delivery
compositions and methods wherein three-dimensional
matrices for growing cells are prepared for in vitro and in
vivo use. The invention also relates to methods of manipu-
lating the rate of therapeutic agent release by changing both
the biodegradable polymer properties as well as altering the
properties of the incorporated gel or hydrogel.

See application file for complete search history.

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